

# Rags To Riches Story Comes True! Poverty-Stricken Kansas Brothers Overnight Are Made Millionaires

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—(ANP)—The vast oil fortune that flowed from the rocky acre allotment and \$7,413,286 in cash of an illiterate Creek Indian woman was awarded Friday to a Claremore, Okla., Indian widow and two packing plant workers here. The ruling of District Judge C. O. Beavers of Sapulpa that the fortune of the deceased Lete Kolvin, Indian woman to whom the land was originally allotted, should go to Ozora Alexander Lete, 65-year-old half sister of Mrs. Kolvin; Willie Mayweather, 37, and Floyd Mayweather, 37, brothers, climaxed a 10 year lawsuit.

The Mayweather brothers, packing plant employees here, were nephews of Joe Stephens, Lete's late Negro husband. The brothers and half sister will share equally in the money and property, which consists of 15 oil wells, shops and ma-

chinery which produced the wealth.

## TO BE PAID IN CASH

Judge Beavers ordered the Sinclair and Minnehoma oil companies, who were contesting the suit, to pay the three cash sum for royalties and interest on oil and gas produced from the land since 1915. Testimony brought out at the hearing revealed that Lete Kolvin and Joe Stephens married a year before she received her land allotment. They lived on the land until 1906 when it was leased out for farming purposes. The lease was renewed in 1911 for five more years. In 1915, the lessee sold his lease to two oil drilling companies for \$600 and oil was discovered. The drilling companies assigned the lease to Sinclair and Minnehoma companies. In 1916, when the lease expired, Lete Kolvin began

efforts to regain possession of the land.

After her death in 1930 and her husband's death in 1931, the Mayweathers and Anderson Stevens, filed suit against the oil companies charging them with taking oil from the property without authority. While the suit was pending, Anderson Stevens died.

Attorneys estimated the total value of the estate to be between 10 and 15 million dollars. The oil companies were also ordered to surrender control of the land, located between Dumright and Oilton, a gasoline plant, and 15 producing wells.

## TOLD OF GOOD FORTUNE

Willie and Floyd, both employed at Swift & Company

plant here, were called from the jobs to the company's office and apprised of their inheritance. Willie works in the sweet pickled pork department at 70 cents an hour. Floyd works in the specialty room of the freezing department, receiving 75 cents an hour.

Both were struck speechless at their good fortune. Willie grinned and said "I guess I'd like to buy a ranch in Kansas and raise cattle. I want to hold on to my money."

His brother, Floyd, decided he wanted a chicken ranch, but then thought of the inheritance tax. Floyd said, "Of course, Uncle Sam'll get most of it. He'll build himself a lot of tanks with our taxes, all right."

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## Came To Aid S. C. Bulldogs



Inspiration was given the South Carolina Bulldogs when they met Clark College's fighting Panthers in Atlanta Saturday by this charming young lady, Miss Frances Simkins of Columbia, S. C., who is "Miss S. C. State" this year. A junior, she is majoring in home economics and is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority. (Photo by E. C. Jones.)

## Admit Only Few Negroes Hired

LOS ANGELES.—(ANP)—Defense industry personnel chiefs Tuesday testified that no racial barriers exist at their plants but admitted that only a decimal percentage of "minority races" are on their payrolls.

The testimony was given at the first day's session of the committee appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate charges of racial discrimination in the hiring of workers for national defense industries.

## Two Thousand Expected At Big Carnival

Friday, October 31, and Saturday, November 1st, Jackson College will turn aside the two big days and nights of fun at a Carnival Style. Mr. T. B. Ellis, Jr., director of Physical Education and Recreation, and chairman of the Carnival Committee, has worked out some most unusual plans for a very successful affair. The President, Faculty Members and students have given generously of their time and experience so that this carnival will be the biggest event of the fall season.

Mr. Ellis states that there will be over two hundred prizes given away during the two nights. The prizes were very graciously given by merchants, businesses, and friends of the city, in order to help this benefit affair. The prizes will be distributed as awards in skill, luck and prowess in Bingo, Archery, Shooting, dancing, Bridge, Ping Pong, Dart Throwing, Ring Pitching, Fish Pond, Guessing Games, and many other activities of fun and laughter. The admission to the grounds and buildings is free. Admission to the feature attractions of the Carnival will be a Minstrel Show and a Child's Circus. The Circus will be prepared for presentation by Mrs. Marie Young, daughter of the late Col. Charles Young, and a genius at getting the maximum out of children. Professor A. M. Loveless and Miss Gladys O. Shirley will manage the Minstrel. Both

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Personnel officers of aircraft and shipbuilding stands accounted for the scarcity of Negro workers on their payrolls in several ways.

One executive said his company hired through union hiring halls and that no Negroes were sent when his company called for men.

Another testified that white workmen had threatened to go on

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## AFL Branded As Anti-Negro

LOS ANGELES.—(ANP)—"We don't discriminate. We have never discriminated."

"We are complying with the president's executive order. We intend to continue compliance with the president's executive order."

Those statements, repeated over and over again before the Fair Employment Practice committee appointed by President Roosevelt and holding hearings Monday and Tuesday at Embassy hall, were the stock in trade answers of local industrialists to charge that they had barred or were barring Negroes from employment in their plants. They were made by Vultee, which does not have a single Negro worker at its Downey plant and with as much emphasis as by Douglas, another aircraft concern, which does have 10 Negroes working

in various capacities. They were made with no less assurance and aplomb by Consolidated Aircraft of San Diego which has employed a large number of janitors within the past few months.

Not overly impressed with the pat answers were Committee Members Mark Etheridge, publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal; Attorney Earl B. Dickerson of Chicago; David Sarnoff, head of RCA; M. E. Webster, Pullman Porter official; John Brophy of the CIO and John Fenton, representing the AFL.

In fact Mr. Dickerson, who did a brilliant job of cross examination for the committee, forced some of the self whitewashed industrialists'

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ARKANSAS MURDERER ARRESTED HERE

RAYMOND, Miss.—Wanted for the murder of his common-law wife, whom he is alleged to have beaten to death with an axe, on October 18th, in West Memphis, Arkansas, Ben Hunt, 28, was arrested here Saturday by Sheriff officers under the direction of Deputy A. C. Crawford. According to reports Hunt had been hiding out in the Raymond

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### Alcorn College Host To Big Nutrition Conference

ALCORN, Miss.—With approximately 200 men and women in attendance, a state-wide nutrition conference was held at Alcorn A. and M. College on October 25. Dr. M. M. Hubert, district agent, Cooperative Extension Work, Jackson, Mississippi, presided over the

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### Pike County Murderer Given Electric Chair

McCOMB, Miss.—Judge J. S. Guynes, presiding over the Pike County Circuit Court, sentenced Lee Kinney to die in the electric chair for the murder of O. A. Allen, whom he stabbed to death here early last year.

In his testimony, Kinney claimed that he stabbed his victim only once and that a woman whom he

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### Ferguson Furniture Company Buys Value Property For Store

The officials of the Ferguson Furniture Company, located at the corner of Amite and Farish Streets, announced the purchase during last week of the valuable property at the corner of North Farish and Amite Streets, now occupied by Hunt and Whitaker.

According to a statement by the management of the Furniture Store, as soon as the building is vacated that a credit clothing store will be opened by Ferguson Furniture Store, where a credit arrangement

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## Probing Coast Job Jim-Crow



LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Above a federal committee appointed by President Roosevelt is shown opening a hearing on alleged race discrimination in defenses. The committee, at the table, are (left to

right): Frank Fenton, AFL; John Brophy, CIO; Earl Dickerson, Chicago; Chairman Mark Etheridge, Louisville; Milton Webster, Chicago and David Sarnoff, of New York. (Acme photo)

## President Asked To Direct Prosecution Of Troopers

NEW YORK.—(SNS)—President Roosevelt has been asked to settle the dispute between the War Department and the Department of Justice over jurisdiction in prosecuting Arkansas State Troopers who threatened and insulted members of the 94th Engineers division last August 10, and slapped Lieutenant Donald Curry, an officer in command.

In a letter to the Chief Executive Friday, October 24, the National Association for the Advance-

ment of Colored People declared: "There seems to be no dispute as to the facts that a crime has been committed. If it is true that the state troopers were deputized by the military authorities and if they acted as military police they they violated the Articles of War, especially Section 1536 of Title 10 of the United States Code.

"Regardless of whether the state troopers were deputized or not," the NAACP said, "they violated Section 54 of Title 18 of the United States Code which provides: 'If two or more persons in any State, Territory, or District conspire to prevent, by force, intimidation, or threat, any person from accepting or holding any office, trust, or place of confidence under the United States, or from discharging any duties thereof; or to induce by like means any officer of the United States to leave any State, Territory, District or place, where his duties as an officer are required to be performed, or to injure him in his person or property on account of his lawful discharge of the duties of his office, or while engaged in the lawful discharge thereof, or to injure his property so as to molest, interrupt, hinder, or impede him in the discharge of his official duties, each of such persons shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than six years, or both.'"

The Association pointed out that failure by officials to take affirmative action when Negroes had been victims of previous unprovoked assaults gave courage to the people

of the United States.

Army life will be all right," he declared. "It will keep me in shape."

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## Five Of 17 Dead In Bus Crash Negroes

### Relatives Rush To Clanton To Identify Dead

Believe Cause Of Wreck Sealed With Deceased Driver

CLANTON, Ala.—(SNS)—Toll of the bus crash and fire here Sunday night rose to 17 Tuesday with the death of Private Otis Lunsford, 28, white. He died of burns suffered when the bus burst into flames after crashing in to a bridge.

Three colored residents of Birmingham escaped with slight burns. They were listed as Mr. and Mrs. Sam Terry and Robert Taylor.

H. F. Townsend, Greyhound manager in Birmingham, said five women and one man remained unidentified in funeral homes here.

He listed the other known dead as Doc Alexander McKinney, Argo; Amanda Truly, address unknown; W. P. Alton, 23, the driver, Birmingham; Mary Eleanor Finney, 24, Buffalo, Ala.; Mrs. Clyde Kennedy, 21, Birmingham; William D. Davis, 17, Troy, Ala. CCC enrollee; Alonzo Renfro, 18, Banks, Ala. CCC enrollee; Alton E. Yates, 17, Union Springs, Ala.; CCC enrollee D. L. Matthews, 59, Birmingham; Mrs. Minnie Tucker, 56, Birmingham; Walter W. Jackson, 19, Birmingham, and William F. Penn, 18, CCC enrollee from Ensley, Ala.

There was no indication as to what caused the crash, the Greyhound manager said.

Witnesses were quick to praise W. P. Alton, Birmingham, substitute for the regular driver on the Montgomery-Birmingham, run who gave his life in a vain attempt to save passengers.

Alton died Monday in a hospital of burns he suffered Sunday night when he re-entered the fiery bus to save those trapped inside. The bus driven by Alton struck the concrete railing of a bridge four miles south of here. Almost instantly, it was a mass of flames. The blaze was visible for several miles.

**FIRE BEFORE CRASH**  
Mack Stephens, International News Service writer, lives near the scene of the accident, and was one of the first to reach the blazing vehicle. He quoted the bus driver as saying the bus was afire before

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**JOSHUA JONES**  
By I. P. Reynolds  
Brother Bell says a stout heart can't go far on weak knees.

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